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Letter dated 10 December 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the Declaration of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania on the sentences pronounced against the "Ilascu group" (see annex I) and the statement of the Government of Romania on the death penalty pronounced against Ilie Ilascu (see annex II), both dated 9 December 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annexes circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 114, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ioan BARAC
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ANNEX I

Declaration made on 9 December 1993 by the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania on the sentences pronounced against the "Ilascu group"

It is with horror and indignation that we have learned that the patriot Ilie Ilascu was sentenced to death and the other members of the group were convicted to heavy and long detention. These sentences follow a judicial frame-up in the self-proclaimed "Transdniester republic" in Tiraspol that does not enjoy any recognition from the international community.

The only guilt of these patriots is that they have fought on the territory of their own country, the Republic of Moldova, a sovereign and independent State, Member of the United Nations, recognized by the international community. They have been convicted because they did not accept a diktat of the forces reminiscent of the old imperial Soviet regime.

This dramatic development proves once again that the presence of the 14th Army on the territory of the Republic of Moldova is a source of instability, abuse and crime.

The Government of the Russian Federation, in its turn, cannot be exonerated of responsibility for this crime, as we witness a violation of the unanimously recognized principle of democratic will that should govern any relations in the civilized international community.

The circumstances in which the so-called trial took place and the denying of the right to appeal of the detainees show the barbaric and inhuman character of this frame-up.

The Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of Romania condemns the illegal sentence given by an illegal court in despise of the fundamental human rights and urge the international community, all international fora, the Heads of State and Government, the Parliaments and non-governmental organizations to act with their full authority to determine the self-proclaimed authorities in Tiraspol to repeal forthwith these illegal sentences pronounced against innocent people.

ANNEX II

Statement issued on 9 December 1993 by the Government of Romania on the death penalty pronounced against Ilie Ilascu

The Government of Romania is extremely concerned by the sentences to death by firing squad for Ilie ILASCU and to heavy detention penalties for the other members of his group.

This cynical and criminal decision represents a defiance to the elementary norms of justice and human ethics which, at the same time, constitutes a real threat to the political stability and security in the region.

The adoption of such sentences proves once again the illegal statute of the self-proclaimed authorities in Tiraspol and defies any norms of the international humanitarian law.

The Government of Romania addresses an extremely urgent appeal to all democratic Governments, international organizations and political leaders urging them to act with a view to putting an immediate end to this tragic farce.

It is the hope of the Government of Romania that in these critical moments, those who are responsible for this sentence and its unpredictable consequences will repeal forthwith their decision.

In this crucial moment, the Government of Romania expresses its full solidarity and support for the group of patriots lead by Ilie Ilascu, a vivid symbol of courage and human dignity, of the audacious struggle for independence and territorial integrity of their country.